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KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Saturday, 27th March 1976/Chaitra 7, 1898 S. E.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, at Nine of the Clock.

MADAM SPEAKER (SMT. K. S. NAGARATHNAMMA) in the Chair

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral Answers were given)

Inadequate Transport Facilities in Bangalore

100. SRI T. R. SHAMANNA (Fort).—will the Minister for Transport and Tourism be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the travelling public are finding it very difficult to move about in Bangalore City for want of adequate number of Buses;

(b) the number of prosecutions launched against the persons travelling on foot boards of the buses in Bangalore?

SRI M. MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Transport and Tourism).—

(a) The Government are aware that transport facilities provided in Bangalore City require further improvement.

(b) 790 foot board travellers have been prosecuted by the Special Police Squad attached to K.S.R.T.C during the period from 1st January 1975 to 31st December 1975.

SRI T. R. SHAMANNA.—In answer to (a) it is stated that the Government are aware that transport facilities provided in Bangalore City required further improvement. Ever since I became a member of this August House I have put questions more than 15 times regarding inadequate facilities of transport in Bangalore City. Will the Government just think of having a comprehensive plan to see that better transport facilities are provided in Bangalore City which is rapidly growing?

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—It is true that transport requirements are increasing day by day. Since October 1973 there has been a constant increase in the travelling passengers, the increase being 1½ lakhs per day. Therefore a case was made out for financial assistance to B.T.S. Services and the Government of India are pleased to sanction a soft loan of One crore of rupees, and this year more than 100 buses will be added. During the year 1974-75, fifty buses have been increased.

SRI T. R. SHAMANNA.—Is the Government aware of the fact that though we have a large number of auto-rickshaws in Bangalore City, the travelling public are finding it very difficult to deal with them because they want to move particularly in the direction they want to go and charge higher rate of fares? Is it not possible to have some disciplinary check on them and whether there is any possibility of allowing three persons to sit in auto-rickshaw instead of two?

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—It is difficult to allow three persons to travel in an auto-rickshaw, because the vehicle, any moment can turn and if three persons are allowed to sit there will be more danger of serious accidents. As and when cases of violating the rules by these auto-rickshaws come to the notice of the Police or other authorities, action is being taken. But they are encouraged due to the fact that the travelling public do not make a complaint about them.

SRI T. R. SHAMANNA.—There are many new extensions formed particularly that of Thyagarajanagar and Banashankari II Stage where large number of houses are coming up and no BTS bus is moving in that directions. If difficulties of persons residing in those areas are brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister, will the Government provide adequate facilities to those persons?

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—If the Hon'ble member writes to me? I will see that additional services to these new layouts and extensions are provided.

SRI BAPUGOWDA.—May I know whether any survey has been made regarding the pressure of traffic in Bangalore City, and if so what is the report of that survey?

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—There is no need for such a survey. When we go out we see how many big queues are formed of persons waiting for buses. Keeping in view of all these factors the Road Transport Corporation are augmenting services annually at the rate of 10 per cent as they were doing hitherto.